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Wing to receive eight C-17s in FY 2011

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445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

Air Force officials announced March 12 that 10 C-5 Galaxy aircraft will be replaced with eight C-17 Globemaster III aircraft at the 445th Airlift Wing beginning next fiscal year.

The change was approved by the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force Chief of Staff.

Officials anticipate that the first four C-17s will arrive in fiscal 2011 after five of the C-5s are retired from service. Delivery of four more C-17s is expected in FY 2012 after the remaining C-5s are retired.

The 445th Airlift Wing will host a Site Activation Task Force Team in April that will provide guidance on the specifics of the C-17 conversion. The team will consist of personnel from Air Force Reserve Command and Air Mobility Command. They will work with the 445th and the 88th Air Base Wing to build a deliberate framework on how to proceed through the conversion in an orderly and deliberate manner.

Col. Stephen Goeman, 445th Airlift Wing commander provided insight to wing Airmen regarding the upcoming conversion.



Air Force photo

A C-17 Globemaster III deploys flares during a training mission.

Completion of the SATAF will result in the initial roadmap of the timelines needed to schedule formal training for personnel. It will also provide the expected delivery date of aircraft. Facility issues, to include the construction of a C-17 Globemaster III flight simulator complex, will also be addressed, said Colonel Goeman.

The restructuring will result in the loss of both traditional reservist and Air Reserve Technician positions. And it is expected that some job specialties such as flight engineers will be negatively affected.

"We will actively work those issues with each individual and find suitable positions within our wing or in another Reserve/Air National Guard unit for those affected. This may require cross training to another career field; however, AFRC has an outstanding track record of placing our Airmen whose positions have been lost due to mission changes or aircraft conversions," the colonel said.

Obtaining the C-17s will mark the third major aircraft conversion for the 445th Airlift Wing. The wing received C-5s in 2005 after retiring the C-141s.

This will be a challenging time as we move on to the next chapter of our mission, Colonel Goeman added.

Once the SATAF is completed, the commander will keep the wing informed by providing weekly updates via mass e-mail.



Capt. Jonathan Kollmann

Capt. Leesa Lowder, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, assists a patient aboard a C-17.

Strive to be the person God created you to be

By Chaplain (Capt.) Jonathan Kollmann
445th Airlift Wing

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27

I truly believe we sometimes settle for the ordinary in our home, workplace and in our relationships. When it comes to life I know God is calling us to do things that are extraordinary and beyond everyone's expectations.

I have a sign in my office at the church that states, "God save me from being ordinary." This thought provoking quote constantly challenges me in everything I do as a husband, dad, friend, chaplain...

Father Ed Hayes writes in his book *Stranger's Bargain*, "We start out a hero; then slowly after a time

settle for an average life and an ordinary dream. The dream dies and with it a sense of being alive, having a purpose, and making a difference. At some point, both the dreamer and the dream are dead."

I also believe when we disconnect from our true God given calling and purpose, we short change our personal growth, and settle for familiarity and ultimately DO NOT live out God's dream for our lives.

Father Ron Beshara writes in a weekly email I receive, "Familiarity won't steal away your life; he'll just make you forget what it means to be alive. With the passing of time, familiarity will infiltrate your heart with boredom,

"Familiarity won't steal away your life; he'll just make you forget what it means to be alive..."

- Father Ron Beshara

and cover your mind with resistance to change."

Here are a few reminders in light of all the above:

First, always remember you were created to thrive as a person; emotionally, spiritually, physically and mentally. Secondly, always remember God has a dream and purpose for you. Lastly, always remember do not withhold good to others and yourself. God wants us to love ourselves and be a blessing to others.

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Be prepared when opportunity knocks

Decide now what you want out of your Air Force career

By Col. Mary Henderhan
445th Mission Support Group Commander

Opportunity is defined as a favorable juncture of circumstances; a good chance for advancement or progress.

The advanced technology of today's Air Force gives us the power to see and strike across the globe.

For this reason, there are many new and exciting opportunities that come our way every day. Some are simple and require only that we make a choice, others are life-changing and require the ability to meet specific requirements and challenges.

A variety of opportunities are available to Air Force Reservists. They include a full spectrum of careers, promotions, and advanced training. All of these opportunities require some type or level of preparedness.

Being prepared improves your chances for success in pursuing opportunities.



Being prepared requires that you have a goal and that you have identified the requirements of the opportunities that will help you meet that goal.

Decide now what you want out of your Air Force career. Aim high and seek out the specific opportunities that will help you achieve your goals.

Career opportunities often center around specific jobs and promotions. Improve your chances of being singled out for advancement or selected for promotion by making the most of your opportunities. Seek out training opportunities, pursue higher educational opportunities, and volunteer for leadership opportunities in your unit, the wing and your community. All of these things will make you better prepared.

One of my favorite and most used quotes is by Whitney Moore Young, Jr. (1921-1971), an African-American civil rights leader and social work administrator, who said, "It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared."

Reservists, families attend post deployment event

By 445th Airmen and Family Readiness

The 445th Airlift Wing hosted a Yellow Ribbon Program 60-day post deployment event March 19-21 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati.

Congressionally legislated, the Yellow Ribbon Program is a directive that dictates National Guard and Reserve members and their families receive deployment support and reintegration programs to minimize to the extent practicable the stresses of military service, particularly the stress of deployment and family separation.

During the event, reservists were briefed on topics pertinent to transitioning back to civilian



Courtesy photo

John Donelan, son of 1st Lt. Sean and Amanda Donelan, has his face painted at the Yellow Ribbon event Mar. 20. Lieutenant Donelan is assigned to the 87th Aerial Port Squadron.

life. Information was provided by the following representatives: Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve, Veterans Administration,

Chaplain, Military One Source, military family life consultant, 445th Airlift Wing and 88th Air Base Wing Airman & Family Readiness Center, Operation Military Kids and psychological health advocate.

There were separate breakout sessions for married couples and single reservists. Other breakout sessions focused on military members venting frustrations on the deployment process and spouses dealing with the separation and reunion of their loved one.

The Coco Keys Waterpark was attached to the hotel so members could relax and enjoy some quality family time after the duty day.

Wing Airman selected as AFRC New Photographer of the Year



Senior Airman Matthew Cook

Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin, 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, takes a photograph near the 445th flightline.

Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin, 445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs, won Air Force Reserve Command's New Photographer of the Year for 2009.

Airman Berlin joined the staff in April 2009. His photographs have not only been published in the Buckeye Flyer and Skywriter, but have been posted on the wing's and Air Force Reserve Command's Web sites.

"I am very happy to have won this award and make my parents proud. This shows me that you can have fun taking pictures, meeting new people, and do a good job at the same time," Airman Berlin said.

Back in his home town of Chicago, Ill., Airman Berlin attends college while working part time as an armed security officer. He also spends his weekends performing as a disc jockey at downtown night clubs.

Airman Berlin will advance to the Air Force competition in San Antonio, Texas, representing the Air Force Reserve Command.

445th family awaits second adoptive son

By Stacy Vaughn

445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

A beautiful 2-year-old baby boy named Tate sits in an orphanage in Kyrgyzstan while his soon-to-be adoptive parents, Capt. Scott and Kami DeBoer, wait for news at their home in Fairborn, Ohio, on when they can bring him home.

The DeBoer's saga is one of approximately 65 cases in which families in the United States and Canada had in-process adoptions put on hold by the Kyrgyz government. The government halted all inter-



Photos by Stacy Vaughn

Capt. Scott DeBoer, with his wife Kami and son Kaleb, holds a picture of Tate.

national adoptions October 2008 as it pondered ways to overhaul regulations and means to root out corruption in the adoption system. With the government still mulling the issues, 65 families are stuck in limbo while 65 Kyrgyz children—many with special needs—sit in orphanages.

In the meantime, the DeBoer's 3-year-old son, Kaleb, adopted from the same orphanage in 2007, keeps asking when his new baby brother will be coming home. The couple was able to adopt Kaleb and start the process to adopt Tate before the government halted the adoption process.

The adoption process for Kaleb involved time, patience and a lot of

paperwork.

"We had been trying to have children for a long time and we finally decided to look into adopting. We realized then that there was a calling for us to adopt," Captain DeBoer said.

Captain DeBoer said they first wanted to adopt a child from Russia because when he was younger, he participated in a student exchange program and felt a strong bond with the culture while living with a Russian family.

During their research, the DeBoers realized the youngest child you could adopt was between the ages of two-to-three years-old. The adoption process was very lengthy, requiring more than 90 documents to be completed and at a minimum, the parents had to make two trips to Russia before the adoption became final.

"As we researched agencies offering Russia adoptions, we came across information about Christian World Adoption. We saw they had a Kyrgyzstan adoption program that offered the opportunity to adopt infants and only required one trip to Kyrgyzstan," Kami said.

According to their Web site, CWA accepts applications for families wanting to adopt a child from 6-months to 14-years of age. The wait for a referral of a child is typically 3-to-6 months after the paperwork is submitted and approved in Kyrgyzstan. The total adoption time is about 8-to-12 months.

"Especially being our first child, we wanted a young child since that's what we've been longing for. Kaleb was referred to us at 4 ½ months old, and we brought him home when he was 7 ½ months old," Kami said.

Kami said Kaleb was very tiny when they brought him home. He was abandoned at a hospital when he was born and spent three

months there because he was premature. Now that he's been with them, he's healthy and has put on weight.

"A lot of the children in the orphanages there have medical needs. The children just are not receiving the proper nutrition that they need at such a delicate age," Kami said.

After bringing home Kaleb, the couple decided they wanted to adopt another child from Kyrgyzstan and had gone through the process of filling out the paperwork when the government halted all adoptions.

As of today, there's no word on when the process will begin again. The families involved have grown close and formed a support group.

In the meantime, the DeBoers admire a new photo they recently received of Tate taken earlier this year.

"We just received a new photo of Tate in February. He has grown so much since his last photo that we had of him dated August of 2008. He's now two years old. He's really cute and he has huge dimples," Captain DeBoer said.

Kaleb continues to ask his mommy and daddy when his new brother will be coming home.

"Kaleb is so excited about Tate. For two years, he's heard Tate's name mentioned and sees pictures of him. We hope to bring him home soon. In our hearts, we're his parents. He needs us and we need him," Kami said.



Kaleb plays with trains.

Wing volunteers help judge JROTC drill meet

By Senior Airman Robert Nelson
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Airmen from the 445th Airlift Wing volunteered as judges for the 21st Annual Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Regional "All-Air Force" Drill Meet Championships March 13 at Tecumseh High School.

More than 530 JROTC cadets from 16 different drill teams participated. JROTC teams travelled from Pennsylvania, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Wisconsin and various cities throughout Ohio.

High school students from all different walks of life entered this competition, putting everything aside for the sake of teamwork, excellence, integrity and fun.

Unbeknownst to them, they walked away with invaluable skills of leadership and decision making skills, said Colonel Fred Schuster, Tecumseh High School Senior Aerospace Science Instructor.

Teams competed in a flurry of events ranging from color guard, inspection, exhibition events, to first year cadet events. The cadets rotated from event to event until they completed all events. These events tested all aspects of the cadets' military bearing, general military knowledge, movements, formations, and commands. Some events were conducted with and without rifles.

A member of the 445th who served as a judge for the event said participating in the event was a privilege.

"Having the opportunity to judge a JROTC event has been an absolute privilege. To see tomorrow's Air Force leadership while they are still being groomed brings a smile to my face and makes me confident that the Air Force will be in good hands when our time is up, said Staff Sgt. Shawn McKellop, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron.



Senior Airman Mikhail Berlin

Staff Sgt. Danielle Lytle, 88th Air Base Wing Honor Guard, examines Cadet Frank Browning from Stebbins High School, Ohio, during the inspection event.

The precision and dedication involved with JROTC drill and ceremony show that a new generation of go-getters is up and coming. These young men and women choreograph their own performances as a team. They succeed or fail as a team. Each Cadet recognizes and appreciates the JROTC rank structure. The amount of respect and interest they showed Air Force members, was exceptional the sergeant added.

The cadets performed intricate moves with precession. During a duet exhibition event, a fire alarm sounded. This loud and piercing noise had no effect on two cadets performing from Lincoln Way Central of Illinois.

They displayed top-notch military bearing, showcasing all the hard work that they put into their routine. This showed that these young men and women have the dedication, commitment, and drive to succeed at anything they put their minds to.

"I participate at this drill meet every year, and the caliber of JROTC cadets never fails to impress me. I am confident that through their continued hard work and dedication, the future of the Air Force will be bright," concluded Master Sgt. Mark Lyle, 445th Airlift Wing member and superintendent, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Honor Guard.

Aviation scholarship recipient

Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Brothers, 445th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, won the Dream of Flight scholarship given by the Women Military Aviators at the 21st Annual Women in Aviation International conference Feb. 27.

Sergeant Brothers, who currently holds a private pilots' license, plans to use a portion of the \$2,500 scholarship to help pay for the cost to pursue an instrument rating.

"This scholarship has taken a financial burden off of me. I can now continue to pursue my dreams in aviation," Sergeant Brothers said.

Advocating the love of aviation, WMA offers this annual scholarship to advance a young woman in her pursuit of flight ratings at an accredited institution or FAA part 141 approved flight school.





Courtesy photo

WASP Congressional Gold Medal ceremony

Chief Master Sgt. Peri Rogowski, 445th Airlift Wing Command Chief, tours the Capitol with Ms. Marty Wyall, Women Airforce Service Pilot. Ms. Wyall is one of more than 300 WASP who was presented a Congressional Gold Medal Mar. 10 during a ceremony on Capitol Hill for service to their country during World War II. Chief Rogowski and other wing Airmen served as escorts for the WASP. (See additional photos and story on the web.)

Air Force provides guidance for social media



As more Airmen engage in social media (blogs, FaceBook, Twitter, etc.), they should keep in mind guidance provided by new Air Force instructions.

The Air Force views personal Web sites and weblogs positively, and respects the right of Airmen to use them as a medium of self-expression. However, as members of the Air Force, Airmen must abide by certain restrictions to ensure good order and discipline. All Airmen are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and their actions on and off duty are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice

Airmen should use their best judgment, remembering that there are always consequences to what is written. If they're about to post something that is questionable and may reflect negatively on the Air Force, they should review *AFI 35-113, Internal Information* and other relevant guidance thoroughly. If still unsure, and the post is about the Air Force, they should discuss the proposed post with their supervisor or the Public Affairs office. Ultimately, however, Airmen have the sole responsibility for what they post.

Do not post any defamatory, libelous, vulgar, obscene, abusive, profane, threatening, hateful, racially, ethnically, or otherwise offensive or illegal information or material.

Do not post any information or other material protected by copyright without the permission of the copyright owner. Do not post classified or sensitive information.

(Excerpts taken for AFI 35-113, Internal Information)

Wing to host development seminar

The 445th Airlift Wing will host its first professional development seminar Nov. 8 and 9, at the Wright-Patt Club following the November Scarlett unit training assembly.

The seminar will present information on a broad range of topics to help Airmen better achieve professional and personal goals. Tentative presentations include:

- Social networking
- Personality profiles
- Educational programs and benefits, including the GI Bill and the Troops to Teachers program
- Managing personal finances
- Effective writing skills
- The Total Force concept
- Enlisted development
- Officer development

A highlight of the seminar will be a fitness presentation from Nicole Wilkins Lee, who recently won the 2010 International Federation of BodyBuilders Arnold Classic in Columbus, Ohio.

Speakers wanted

Are you a dynamic speaker? Do you possess knowledge everyone would be interested in? The wing is looking for presenters for the Nov. 8 and 9 professional development seminar.

PowerPoint or inter-active presentations are needed for the following topics:

- Career mapping
- Importance of readiness
- UCMJ changes
- Stress management
- Unique career opportunities (Health Professional Scholarship Program, Troops to Nurses, Deserving Airman Program, Army PA Program, etc.)
- Other professional development topics

If you have an interest in being a presenter please submit your name, topic and an overview of your presentation to Chief Master Sgt. Peri Rogowski no later than May 25. Please submit outlines (no PowerPoint presentations) via e-mail.

News Briefs

Newcomers

Lt Col Ricardo Salvat, AMDS
 1Lt Leslie Mugg, AES
 1Lt Melissa Seacat, AES
 2Lt Brittany Zurek, AES
 TSgt David Lowe, CES
 TSgt Michael Turpin, MXS
 SSgt Jerrod Campbell, SVS
 SSgt William Durden, 89 AS
 SSgt Tiffany Green, MXS
 SSgt Amanda Hostetter, AES
 SSgt Curtis Jones, LRS
 SSgt Uy Vincent Lam, CES
 SSgt Mark Ledkins, SFS
 SSgt Shane Marrinan, AMXS
 SSgt Todd Martin, MSF
 SSgt Sean McCaslin, SFS
 SSgt Paul Scott, LRS
 SSgt Holly Siripavaket, AMDS
 SrA Cody Bowlan, CES
 SrA Matthew Copas, SVS
 SrA Emma Crews, AMDS
 SrA Christopher Echols, MXS
 SrA Nicholas Harvey, AMXS
 SrA Jordan Hendrickson, 87 APS
 SrA Tragina Nixon, MSF
 SrA Robert Peters, AES
 SrA Luke Sizemore, AMDS
 SrA Tyler Sparks, AES
 SrA Dustin Walker, MXS
 A1C Daniel Bevilacqua, MXS
 A1C Jaymes Cardwell, AES
 A1C Harvey Eubanks, 87 APS
 A1C Dennis Handwerker, AMXS
 A1C Daniel Kimmey, MXS
 A1C Travis Pyles, ASTS
 A1C Sean Weber, CES
 Amn Cody Kohrman, AMXS
 Amn Chelsie Pechiney, AW
 AB Aimee Aberl, AES
 AB Jacob Emberton, ASTS
 AB Keith Patton, MXS
 AB Armande Richardson II, ASTS

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

Maj Mary La Fara, ASTS
 CMSgt Nathan Wilson, AMXS
 SMSgt Steven Beyer, LRS
 MSgt Tracy Clare, CES
 MSgt Craig Essert, 89 AS
 MSgt Stanley Evans, MXS
 MSgt Bryan Fitch, 89 AS
 MSgt Steven Holla, 89 AS
 MSgt Lashunda Lewis, MXG

MSgt Brenda Myers, CES
 TSgt Christopher Suggs, LRS

Air Force Commendation Medal

MSgt Pamela Baker, MXS
 MSgt Keith Clark, LRS
 TSgt Jermane Coleman, MXS
 TSgt Ronald Lause, SFS
 SSgt Holly Siripavaket, AMDS

Air Force Achievement Medal

Capt Michael Bennett, 89 AS
 TSgt Caroline Pagan, MXS
 SSgt Kristen Hubbard, MSF
 SSgt Angela Robertson, ASTS
 SrA Ronald Campbell, MXS
 SrA Timothy Sexton, SFS
 SrA Dustin Walker, AMXS

Air Medal

Capt Juan Sanchez, AES
 SSgt Sean Smith, AES

Promotions

Airman

Adam Olsen, ASTS
 Keith Patton, MXS
 Justin Van Niman, ASTS

Airman First Class

Ianto Hill, LRS
 David Tatro, CES
 Zachary Webb, 89 AS

Senior Airman

Ibrahim Barry, LRS
 Christopher Echols, MXS
 Daniel Kimmey Jr., MXS
 Brandon Miller, SFS
 Rita O'Connor, SFS
 Brittany Ward, SVF

Staff Sergeant

Raymond Dewitt, AMXS
 Brandon Fisher, AMXS
 Jason Hardman, MOF
 Patrick Smith, 87 APS

Technical Sergeant

Douglas Bryant, MSF
 Bradley Burbage, CES
 Godfred Hansen, ASTS
 Sean Smith, AES
 David Starr, CES

Master Sergeant

Jonathon Lemaster, CES

Senior Master Sergeant

Paul Adducchio, MXS

Awards Banquet

The 445th Airlift Wing Annual Awards Banquet will be held May 1 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. The reception will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the program at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker for the evening is Maj Gen (ret) Ed Mechenbier.

Cost of the dinner is \$26 for E-6 and below and \$29 for E-7 and above. Children ages 6 to 10 is \$12 and children under 5 eat free.

For more information, please contact the public affairs office at 257-5784.

Employers Day

The 2010 Employer Appreciation Day is June 5. Nominate your employer to participate in the event. This is a great opportunity to showcase the wing's mission and for your employer to see the importance of what you do for the 445th Airlift Wing and the Air Force. Registration forms must be turned in to public affairs by April 26 and are available on the SharePoint and at the PA office. For more information, call 257-5784.

Golf Scramble

The 445th Golf Scramble will be held Friday, June 18 at the Sugar Isle Golf Course in New Carlisle, Ohio. Shotgun start is 9 a.m. The cost of the event is \$220 per team and includes food and drink. To sign up or for more information, please call Senior Master Sgt. Tim Emberton at 257-2625 or Master Sgt. Darrell Houston at 257-0389.



Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Caskey

Can you see me now?

Maj. Don Seibert, 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, performs an eye exam on Lt. Col. Stan Bascone, 89th Airlift Squadron, as part of the colonel's annual Reserve Component Periodic Health Assessment conducted during the March 6 unit training assembly.

On the Web



Wing Airmen help honor WASP



Aerospace Medicine Squadron photo story



87th Aerial Port Airmen train during UTA

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